

REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office Action, claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 due to the claim allegedly including a series of mental and/or manual steps. The Examiner suggested that the preamble of the claim be changed to read, “A computer implemented method.” Applicants have amended claim 8, as suggested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, and 6-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,937,160 (Davis).

According to the present invention, an HTML document is initially read. An extended tag, which is defined so that the extended tag does not develop into text within the read HTML document, is then recognized. Finally, an HTML tag pair which encloses only an extended tag or no element is deleted.

Applicants respectfully submit that unlike the present invention, Davis does not recognize an extended tag, and does not delete an HTML tag pair enclosing only an extended tag or no element. Rather, according to Davis, Davis simply allows a user to input modifications to a target document via an email message. The user’s modifications are simply typed into an email message and transmitted directly to a port on a web page. Each located tag in an HTML file is, “replaced, line by line” with the respective text from the email message until an “EOM” command is detected.

In the first paragraph of page 4, the Examiner argues that as it is generally known in the word processing art that revisions to a document can embody additions, changes, and deletions. The Examiner alleges that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the subject invention to interpret document revisions to include deletions. Applicants respectfully submit that Davis does not delete an HTML tag pair that discloses only an extended tag or no element, as in the present invention. On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that the bold tags (<B>) would be temporarily ignored since there would be no text to make bold.

As defined by claim 1, the present invention does not just ignore extended tags, the present invention deletes an HTML tag pair that encloses only an extended tag or no element.

Thus, assuming *arguendo* that Davis ignores tags, ignoring tags is not tantamount to or related to deleting an HTML tag pair that discloses only an extended tag or no element.

Moreover, Davis clearly states that each located tag is replaced, line by line, with the respective text from the authenticated email message until an EOM command is detected. See Davis, column 12, lines 22-26. As each tag is replaced with text, the tags are not deleted in Davis.

Therefore, the present invention, as defined by claim 1, is patentable over Davis, as Davis fails to teach or suggest “deleting an HTML tag pair which encloses only an extended tag or which encloses no element,” as recited in claim 1 of the present invention.

Similarly, claim 2 is patentable over Davis, as Davis fails to teach or suggest, “deleting elements enclosed by said identification extended tag pair . . . and . . . deleting said identification extended tag itself,” as recited in claim 2. As Davis replaces each tag with text from the email message, tags are not deleted.

As claims 6 and 7 are method and apparatus claims, respectively, corresponding to claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit the arguments presented above for claim 1 in support of claims 6 and 7.

Claim 8 is patentable over the reference, as the reference does not teach or suggest ignoring undesirable tags to prevent the tags from appearing in an extended HTML document. Davis is silent as to the feature.

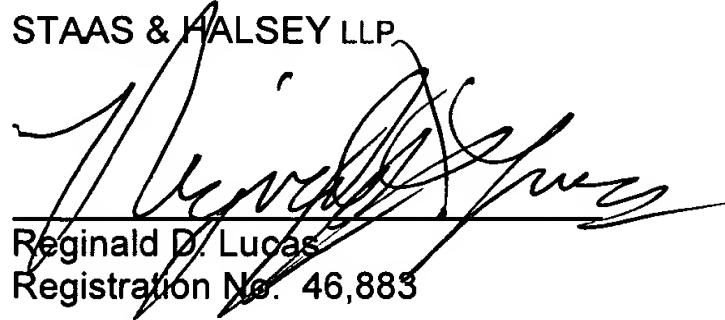
If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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